

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the Sequence Listing filed on October 1, 2004, with the attached Substitute Sequence Listing at page 56 (Abstract), after the last line, on a new page.

Please insert the following paragraph on page 1, between lines 4 and 5:

Cross-Reference to Related Applications

This application claims the benefit to priority under 35 U.S.C. §119(a)-(d) to JP 2003-106708, filed April 10, 2003.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 12 as follows:

Protease has long been used in industry, and has found utility in a diversity of fields, including detergents such as laundry detergents, fiber modifying agents, leather processing agents, cosmetic compositions, bath additives, food-modifying agents, and pharmaceuticals. Of these, proteases for detergent use are produced in the largest amounts on an industrial scale. Examples of such known proteases that are derived from *Bacillus* include ~~Alcalase~~, ~~Savinase~~ ALCALASE, SAVINASE (registered trademarks; Novozymes), ~~Maxacal~~ MAXACAL (registered trademark; Genencor), ~~Blap~~ BLAP (registered trademark; Henkel), and KAP (Kao Corporation).

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 5 as follows:

~~FIG. 1~~ Fig. 1-1 to Fig. 1-5 shows amino acid sequence alignment of protease having 80% or higher homology with the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 15, line 7 as follows:

The detergent composition of the present invention may further contain a variety of enzymes in addition to the protease of the present invention. Examples of such additional enzymes include hydrolase, oxidase, reductase, transferase, lyase, isomerase, ligase, and synthetase. Of these, preferred enzymes include proteases other than those of the present invention, cellulase, keratinase, esterase, cutinase, amylase, lipase, pullulanase, pectinase, mannanase, glucosidase, glucanase, cholesteroloxidase, peroxidase, and laccase, among which the proteases, cellulase, amylase, and lipase are more preferred. Examples of the proteases include commercially available ones that are derived from *Bacillus* such as ~~Alcalase, Esperase, Savinase, Everlase, and Kannase~~ ALCALASE, ESPERASE, SAVINASE, EVERLASE, and KANNASE (all are ~~resistered~~ registered trademarks; Novozymes), ~~Properase and Purafect~~ PROPERASE and PURAFECT (~~resistered~~ registered trademarks; Genencor); and KAP (Kao Corp.). Examples of cellulase include those derived from *Humicola* such as ~~Celluzyme and Carezyme~~ CELLUZYME and CAREZYME (~~resistered~~ registered trademarks; Novozymes); and KAC, alkaline cellulase produced by *Bacillus* sp. KSM-S237 disclosed in Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (*kokai*) No. 10-313859, and mutated alkaline cellulase disclosed in Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (*kokai*) No. 2003-313592 (these are products of Kao Corp.). Examples of amylase include those derived from *Bacillus* such as ~~Termamyl and Duramyl~~ TERMAMYL and DURAMYL (registered trademarks; Novozymes), ~~Purastar~~ PURASTAR (registered trademark; Genencor), and KAM (Kao Corp.). Examples of lipase are those derived from *Thermomyces* and include ~~Lipolase and Lipolase Ultra~~ LIPOLASE and LIPOLASE ULTRA (registered trademarks; Novozymes).

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 28, line 12 as follows:

To a 100 mM borate buffer (pH 10.5) containing 0.05 mL of a 6 mL synthetic substrate (Glt-Ala-Ala-Pro-Leu-pNA (SEQ ID NO: 24): Peptide Institute), an enzyme solution (0.05 mL) was added, to thereby initiate reaction at 30°C for 15 minutes in a microplate reader (iEMS reader MF: LABSYSTEMS). Increase in absorbance at 414 nm was employed as an activity index. One unit of protease activity was defined as the amount of enzyme required for increasing the absorbance by 0.001 per minute under the above reaction conditions.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 38, line 23 as follows:

5) ~~Duramyl 60T~~ DURAMYL 60T (registered trademark; an amylase derived from *Bacillus* which is a product of Novozymes)

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 40, line 26 as follows:

3) KAC-500 (registered trademark; a cellulase derived from *Humicola* which is a product of Kao Corporation)

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 40, line 28 as follows:

4) ~~Lipolase 100T~~ LIPOLASE 100T (registered trademark; a lipase derived from *Thermomyces* which is a product of Novozymes)

Please delete the original Abstract and insert therefor the attached substitute Abstract at page 55, after the last line, on a new page as new page 56.